MR. K. R. NARAYANAN : വിവാഹം കഴിക്കാതിരിക്കുമ്പോൾ അഞ്ചു കൊല്ലം ഇവർ കായ്ക്ഷമതയുള്ളവരായും ആറാമത്തെ കൊല്ലം വിവാഹം കഴിഞ്ഞതിനുശേഷം കായ്ക്ഷമതക്കു കുറവുവരാത്തവരായും ഇരിക്കുന്നതു എങ്ങനെയാണെന്നു ദയവുചെയ്തു പറയുമോ?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE: Sir, this rule regarding marriage of nurse was made over 20 years ago when the training of nurses for the first time was started in Travancore. Young women were not then ready to take up nursing as a profession. Therefore it was felt that a period of five years could be fixed as the period during which nurses should remain unmarried. If it was then insisted that nurses should not get married, it was thought that better class women would not come forward for nursing. Now, we have the experience of the past 20 years, and I think it is time the existing rule is changed in the interest of efficiency.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether there is any objection for making this rule applicable in the case of lady doctors also?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE: It is not so necessary in the case of lady doctors, Sir, because there is a fundamental difference between the duties of lady doctors and the duties of nurses. Any one who has had occasion to engage a nurse for nursing a serious case at home or have had opportunities of seeing a nurse's work in a busy hospital, would easily understand the difference between the duties of the nurse and of the lady doctor.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN : ഇപ്പോൾ ജനറൽ ആശുപത്രിയിൽ ജോലിചെയ്യുന്ന പുരുഷനേഴ്സുകൾ അവിവാഹിതരായിരിക്കണമെന്നു നിർബന്ധമുണ്ടോ?

VAIDYASASRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE: ഇല്ല.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN : അപ്പോൾ പുരുഷന്മാരേക്കാൾ സ്ത്രീകൾക്കാണു കായ്ക്ഷമതക്കുറവുള്ളതു എന്നു സമ്മതിക്കുന്നില്ലെ?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE: That does not at all follow, Sir.

Auction sale of jaggery arrack shops.

303. * MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether on the 18th or 19th Mithunam 1115, the officer conducting the sale of jaggery arrack shops, put up to auction all the following shops together: –

i. Rajakamangalom shop,
ii. Asaripallom shop,
iii. Kottar shop,
iv. Vadaseri shop,

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[Mr. K. Narayanaperumal Nadar.]

v. Suchindram shop,
vi. Marungur shop,
vii. Kalliyangadu shop,
viii. Erachikulam shop, and
ix. Esantimangalam shop.

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether it is not violating the general conditions of sale;

(*c*) the name of the lowest bidder;

(*d*) the name of the highest bidder; and

(*e*) the names of the other bidders?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: (*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*) the question does not arise

(*c*) Information not recorded and hence not available.

(*d*) S. M. Mahalingom Mudaliar for the first eight shops and Vairava Panicker Narayana Panicker for the last mentioned shop.

(*e*) Information not recorded and hence not available.

Leper Colony at Noornad.

304. ***MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of in-patients in the Leper Colony at Noornad; and

(*b*) the amount spent there during the years 1113, 1114 and 1115 for providing the patients with food?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE:

	1113.	1114.	1115. for 11 months
(*a*) Total treated	2,075	2,060	969
(*b*)	Rs. Ch. c.	Rs. Ch. c.	Rs. Ch. c.
	18,628 12 9	14,502 3 3	14,526 2 1

Salt sheds in the Quilon Railway compound.

305 ***MR. P. S. MUHAMED:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there are sheds maintained by Government in the Quilon Railway compound for storing salt;

(*b*) the annual cost incurred by them for maintaining the sheds;

(*c*) whether salt is being stored in the sheds; and

(*d*) if not, how many years it is since storing of salts was discontinued in the above sheds?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: (*a*) There are sheds maintained by the Government for storing salt near the Railway Station.

(*b*) Rs. 1,322.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The question does not arise.

New Tobacco Bankshall Buildings.

306. ***MR. M. L. D'CRUZ** (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Excise Commissioner visited the site where the Government propose to build the new tobacco bankshall buildings?

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